2.0 Instructions for Henderson District Court Division II Traffic Court

Due to COVID-19 exposure concerns requiring social distancing and limiting contact, your Henderson District Court appearance will be held remotely using the Zoom platform. This means the hearing will be held virtually instead of in-person. Your hearing date, time and case number are in the attached court notice. You will attend by using a computer, tablet, smart phone (Android or iPhone) or by telephone (if you don't have a device or internet access).

If you have internet access, you will join using the web version of Zoom or the Zoom app. To join online, go to https://zoom.us. Or download the app. Click on JOIN MEETING. The meeting ID is 899-421-0501 and the password is 42420.

If you do not have internet access, you can simply use your telephone. Call <u>888-822-7517</u>. The access code is <u>794320</u>. When prompted push #, then # again.

The hearing will be recorded. Please dress appropriately for court and remove any distractions from your surroundings that could keep you or others in the courtroom from being able to pay attention. It is recommended that you test the technology before the hearing and that you "arrive" early. The Court is the host and will admit you to the virtual courtroom. Have a picture identification to show the court, as well as any documents you will need. Also, have paper and pen handy to write information you will be given. Make sure your device has adequate charge.

If you ARE represented by an attorney, immediately let your attorney know you have received this notice and these instructions.

If you are NOT represented by an attorney, and **ONLY** if you are NOT represented by an attorney, you MAY choose to contact the prosecutor before your court appearance to discuss the matter and the prosecutor's recommendation to resolve your case. Be sure you understand your constitutional guarantees and know this is optional. If you choose to speak with the prosecutor, Henderson County Attorney Steve Gold, or one of his assistants, you may obtain information about diversion programs such as the County Attorney Traffic Safety Program (CATS), State Traffic School or the Marijuana Education Program. Or, for example, you may choose to provide information if you are the victim of a crime, if you have completed a court-ordered program, if your vehicle registration was expired and you have since renewed your registration, if you have obtained a valid driver's license or if you have information about your eligibility to obtain a valid license, if you had vehicle insurance on the date of your citation or if you have since obtained insurance, if you were involved in an accident, or to ask if your toxicology results have been returned. The County Attorney MAY be able to address these and other issues before your court date. Go to www.countyattorney.hendersonky.us, email countyattorney@hendersonky.us 270.827.5753. Please be reminded of your right to remain silent; do not incriminate yourself.

If you have difficulties joining the hearing or questions about payment of fines, costs, fees and restitution, call the office of the Henderson Circuit Clerk at 270.826.2405. If you are directed to voicemail, please leave your name, telephone number and case number. Your call will be returned.